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General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6487

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The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. VILLANO of the 91st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE EVICITION PREVENTION PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-804 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall establish and
4 administer a rent bank program of [loans and] grants to ensure
5 housing for families whose income does not exceed sixty per cent of
6 the median income in the state, including those receiving temporary
7 family assistance, who are either at risk of becoming homeless or in
8 imminent danger of eviction or foreclosure.

9 (b) To be eligible for assistance under this section, a family shall (1)
10 document, as appropriate, loss of income or increase in expenses
11 including, but not limited to, loss of employment, medical disability or
12 emergency, loss or delay in receipt of other benefits, natural or man-

13 made disaster, substantial and permanent change in household
14 composition and any other condition which the commissioner
15 determines constitutes a severe hardship and is not likely to recur and
16 (2) participate in the assessment and mediation program established
17 under section 17b-805.

18 [(c) The commissioner may establish repayment terms for financial
19 assistance under this section upon determination that the recipient can
20 reasonably be expected to repay all or part of such assistance, except
21 that families receiving financial assistance under the state supplement
22 program, aid to families with dependent children program, temporary
23 family assistance program or state-administered general assistance
24 shall not be required to repay financial assistance made under this
25 section.]

26 [(d)] (c) No family shall receive financial assistance under this
27 section in excess of one thousand two hundred dollars during any
28 eighteen consecutive months.

29 [(e)] (d) The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance
30 with chapter 54 to determine eligibility [and repayment] standards for
31 [any loans and] grants under this section and to carry out the purposes
32 of this section.

33 Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 17b-805 of the general statutes is
34 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
35 *October 1, 2003*):

36 (c) No family shall be eligible for [loans and] grants under the rent
37 bank program established under section 17b-804 without prior referral
38 to the assessment and mediation program.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In subsection (e) of section 1 the words "and repayment" and "any loans and" were bracketed for consistency.

HS *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill eliminates statutory references to the loan component of the eviction prevention program under the Department of Social Services. As this program was never implemented, there is no anticipated fiscal impact. The bill also eliminates the department's authority to establish the repayment criteria for the eviction prevention program. As the loan portion of the program was never established and the department does not seek repayment under the grant portion of the program, there is no anticipated fiscal impact from this provision.

OLR Bill Analysis

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***AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE
EVICTON PREVENTION PROGRAM*****SUMMARY:**

This bill eliminates statutory references to a never-implemented loan component of the Department of Social Services' (DSS) eviction prevention program. (The program also includes grants to community organizations to run mediation and rent bank programs.) The revolving loan program was created in 1990 as one of several homelessness prevention strategies but DSS was unable to get it started for a variety of reasons, including an inability to find lending institutions willing to participate.

The bill also eliminates DSS's authority to establish repayment terms for both the loan and grant parts of the program. This provision appears to be technical since DSS indicates that it does not seek repayment of the grants.

The program is open to families whose income does not exceed 60% of state median income and who are either at risk of becoming homeless or in imminent danger of eviction or foreclosure.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2003

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 0